# Soil conservation featured in tour

About 75 farmers and friends of agriculture attended the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Tour Thursday.

The Tour, co-sponsored by Amherst, Appomattox, and Campbell County Farm Bureaus, featured the Best Management Practices that have been carried out by the farmers in the Appomattox River Watershed. Best Management Practices are those practices that are the most effective practicable means of producing agricultural products and preventing or reducing pollution.

In addition to observing conservation from the bus throughout the Tour, Torrence Dairy, Hix Brothers, Glover Brothers, Dr. Wooldridge Tree farm and Carlton Harris farms were visited.

Contour strip cropping with corn and alfalfa, solar water heating and watering systems for cattle were major features on the beautiful Torrence farm.

Jim Moore, Virginia Tech. Extension Farm Management Specialist, explained that alfalfa has potential to produce more protein than any other crop. He went on to explain that alfalfa is expensive to produce and needs a high level of management to be profitable.

Harlan White, Virginia Tech. Extension Agronomist, summarized new techniques in no-till seeding alfalfa.

On the Dr. Wooldridge tree farm the group observed a stand of 24 year old loblolly pine growing on the Appomattox River bottomland which is some of the best soil in the Piedmont. This woodland had already been thinned twice and 20 cords of pulpwood per acre were marked as a demonstration plot by the Virginia Division of Forestry. It was evident that excess trees if not harvested will die. Forestry officials pointed out that "Mother Nature's plant population control does not produce an economic return for the landowner."

No-till corn production was the main feature at Hix Brothers farm. John Hix, who has had about 15 years experience will no-till corn, gave pointers on no-till production. Jim Moore showed data which favors no-till production. He went on to explain that no-till requires more management and is not a good practice for those with a low level of management.

At the Carlton Harris farm pasture management and year-around grazing were the major topics. Harris has one of the best grassland operations in the county and feeds very little hay in the winter months. Jim Moore revealed some eye-opening research which indicates it is more feasible to stock the pastures heavier and feed hay if necessary during the dry summer. "There's nothing sacred about feeding hay in the summer time" Moore noted. He went on to explain the problems of grazing the pastures too closely and that Ky 31 fescue actually provides higher quality grazing for winter than summer.

Harlan White reviewed the latest date on pasture management and renovation and stressed overseed clover into grass pastures.

Bill Browning, District Coordinator, Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, gave a brief wrap-up of the Virginia's voluntary conservation program. He said that if our farmers across Virginia would carry out conservation programs "like we've seen on our Tour today" that we could keep a voluntary conservation program. Otherwise, Virginia could come under a federally mandated conservation program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Dennis Torrence and Carter Martin, Directors of the Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District, and Bob McClenny, USDA Soil Conservation Service, organized the Tour. Torrence, who is also Chairman of the Conservation District, directed the Tour.

JIM MOORE, Va. Tech. Extension Farm Management Specialist, discusses alfalfa production during first "leg" of Conservation Tour.

FARMERS SWITCH from bus ride to "hay-ride" to see Dennis Torrence's new livestock watering facilities during Robert E. Lee Conservation District's Tour.

# 4-Hers stay busy

By JANE GUILL

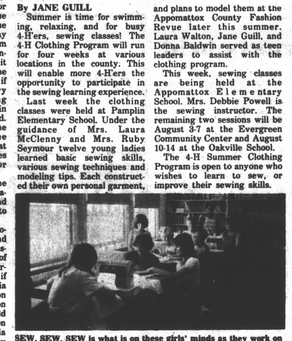
Summer is time for swimming, relaxing, and for busy 4-H'ers, sewing classes! The 4-H Clothing Program will run for four weeks at various locations in the county. This will enable more 4-H'ers the opportunity to participate in the sewing learning experience.

Last week the clothing classes were held at Pamplin Elementary School. Under the guidance of Mrs. Laura McClenny and Mrs. Ruby Seymour twelve young ladies learned basic sewing skills, various sewing techniques and modeling tips. Each constructed their own personal garment, and plans to model them at the Appomattox County Fashion Revue later this summer.

Leaders assisting with the clothing program.

This week, sewing classes are being held at the Appomattox Elementary School. Mrs. Debbie Powell is the sewing instructor. The remaining two sessions will be August 3-7 at the Evergreen Community Center and August 10-14 at the Oakville School.

The 4-H Summer Clothing Program is open to anyone who wishes to learn to sew, or improve their sewing skills.



SEW, SEW, SEW is what is on these girls' minds as they work on their garments at 4-H Sewing classes at Pamplin Elementary School. From left, Ruth Lair, Robin Miller, Jane Guill, teen leader assisting, Christie Doss, Cindy Weaver, Michelle Walker, Tammy Weaver, Tara Walker, and Mrs. Ruby Seymour, adult leader.

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# Farm safety week cited

By TOM CONRAD

President Reagan Proclaims Farm Safety Week - President Reagan has proclaimed the week of July 25 through 31 as National Farm Safety Week, reaffirming the need for continuing efforts to reduce accident losses that impair agricultural producers. The President urges all persons engaged in farming and ranching and all persons and organizations allied with agriculture to redouble their personal and group efforts for farm, home, recreation and highway safety.

Co-sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Safety Week is supported by many organizations serving agriculture.

The President said: "American farmers and ranchers are at the core of our Nation's economy, providing food not only for our own people, but for millions of others around the world. Yet we must not take the miracle of American agricultural abundance for granted. An unacceptable number of farm accidents cripples people and threatens production. Last year, nearly 400,000 farmers and ranchers were injured or killed in accidents at work, at home, during recreation, or on roads.

Powerful equipment, chemicals and variable working conditions are potential agricultural hazards, but safe work practices, protective equipment and other measures can minimize the risks. Special vigilance by the agricultural community is also necessary to reduce the toll of off-the-job injuries.

The 1981 theme for Farm Safety Week is "Enjoy Life - - Safely". As leisure-time accidents are frequently responsible for serious and sometimes fatal injuries, the NSC and USDA are urging people to make safety an integral part of all of their leisure activities.

National Farm Safety Week has been held during the latter part of July since 1944. Beginning next year, the annual observance will be moved to the third full week in September. The 1982 dates will be September 19-25 and in 1983, September 18-24.

Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) - The ASCS office is accepting applications for fall work under the AC Program. Cost-share rates range from 50% to 75% for the following practices: Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment, Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement, Stripcropping, Diversions, Terraces, Grazing Land Protection, Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas, Sodwaterways, Forest Tree Planting, Forest Tree Stand Improvements.

If you are interested in performing one or more of these practices for the fall, contact the ASCS office as soon as possible.

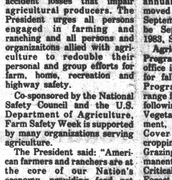
Tobacco Survey - Flue-cured tobacco producers will soon receive a questionnaire on the use of maleic hydrazine (MH). This is a voluntary survey and you are urged to promptly return the postage-free post card to the ASCS office. Information provided will have no effect on the farm's eligibility for price support.

Commodity Loans - There has been a renewed interest in farm-stored grain loans as a result of low market prices. These loans provide growers with working capital while they wait for the commodity price to rise.

Commodity loans are available at 14.5 percent interest and they mature in 9 months. The interest rate is subject to change each April and October.

Loan rates are:
Barley - $1.93 per bushel
Corn - 2.61 per bushel
Oats - 1.37 per bushel
Sorghum - 4.11 per cwt.
Soybeans - 5.02 per bushel
Wheat - 3.17 per bushel
Rye - 2.18 per bushel

## BABY OF THE WEEK



VALARIE CAROL WILKERSON, age 16 months was born October 22, 1979 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilkerson; also sister of Brian Rodney and Michael of Rt. 4, Appomattox. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. "Frog" Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Covington, all of Appomattox.

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# Methods of fly control working

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

We've observed excellent fly control where Ectrin eartags have been used, Bonherth Farm, Braford and Bondurant, Bill and John Harrison all report excellent horn fly control.

Two tags are put in the ears and should give control for four five months. In a cow-calf herd only the cows need to be tagged. When the calf nurses, the cow nuzzles the calf transferring some of the material from the tag to the calf. In addition, the fly population drops significantly. Horn flies appear to have a preference for bulls, then cows and lastly calves. Heavy infestations may find 200-300 flies on one animal.

There are some methods of fly control - but none are probably any better than the tag.

Dairy and beef animals are treated for use.

If you are holding thin cows to gain more weight before sending them to slaughter some research from Montana may help you increase profits. Where Montana shows increased low weight gains of between 16.3 and 17.1% when they are implanted with 36 mg of Synovex. Caution - 65 days must elapse between implanting and slaughter.

Here's how it works. Cows gaining 2.0 lbs per day would gain 120 lbs. in 60 days. A 10% increase to 2.2 lbs. per day would result in a weight gain of 132 lbs. or 12 additional pounds to sell. At 40c per pound the 12 additional pounds would return $4.80 or a net of $3.80 if the implant were charged off at $1.00.

This is another way producers can benefit from using implants whenever they fit in the total management scheme.

NOTE: This recommendation is for cull cows going to slaughter only.

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There appears to be a lot of active blooms in the Burley tobacco in Southwest Virginia. If you grow Burley and did not use a pre-plant application of Ridomil, you may want to apply a protective recommended fungicide on a regular basis.

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Recent weather conditions are causing widespread occurance of weather fleck on tobacco. Damage from ozone will occur when levels are equal to about six parts per 100 million for four hours. On July 1 and 18 ozone level reached 19 parts per 100 million.

It appears that plants with tobacco mosaic virus are most susceptible to weather fleck.

Burley and Flue are more susceptible than Dark-Fire or Sun-Cured.

A recent evaluation of weather fleck injury on Flue Cured varieties show the following to be more susceptible: Coker 51, NC 79, NC 88, VA 85, McN 944, PD4 and SpG-28.

There's no control of this problem.

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The 1982 Virginia Farm Management Steering Committee will have seven members - John Hix, Chairman, Bill Williamson, Eston Harvey, Dennis Torrence, Albert Carter, Bob McClenny and Tom Conrad.

I appreciate the leadership this team will be providing in the coming weeks they will meet and appoint special committees.

"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

# Schools provide services for emotionally disturbed

With the increasing practice of discharging persons from state institutions and mental hospitals, the Appomattox County Public Schools have found it necessary to provide services during the last three school sessions for emotionally disturbed students of all ages.

Recognizing the cost involved for the delivery of these services, project applications for competitive federal funds have been prepared for the past three years.

Funds in the amount of $75,629.00 have been awarded to the county from Title VI-B during the three-year period. The school division has been recently notified of the approval of the application for 1981-82 with funding to be awarded amounting to $23,184.00. These funds have allowed purchase of materials and equipment, payment of fees for psychological services, and salaries of a teacher and aides. Additional federal funds are expected to be received for the 1981-82 session which will provide services for other areas of special education.

This marks the tenth year that Appomattox has had a project funded by competitive funds. Total funds received are $172,827.00. In addition to services for students, the county has been able to provide an extension class for teachers and purchase films and other materials to be used by teachers to assist them in identifying handicapped students and providing for them in the regular classroom when it is possible.

The special class funded this year is housed at the Appomattox Elementary School.

ATTENDING ANIMAL INDUSTRY Day on the Virginia Tech Campus July 11, from Appomattox were Kenneth McClenny, Albert Carter, Jim Smith, Glen McClenny, Bobby Waddell, Bob McClenny, H. B. Pack, James Ford, Lyle Garrett, R. L. Cordell, Bill Williamson and George Shorter.

# Mayberry promoted

Marine Pfc. Joseph T. Mayberry, son of Joseph D. and Sandra J. Mayberry of Route 1, Box 61-A, Appomattox, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C.


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Senior Aide to visit

The Senior Discount Aide will be at the Concord Senior Center next Wednesday, July 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. to issue Senior Discount cards to all who are 60 years of age and older.

Those persons eligible are asked to bring proof of age and their social security cards to the center.

Rescue squad gets 48 calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 48 calls during the month of June.

In doing so they traveled a total of 2,307 miles and spent 163 man hours. Seven people were monitored on the EKG machine en route to the Hospital, and four people required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: heart attacks, 6; chest pains, 4; breathing difficulties, 6; transports, 11; D.O.A., 2; auto wrecks, 3; broken bones, 3; stroke, 1; passed out, 2; drowning, 1; convulsions, 1; gunshot, 1; abdominal pains, 2; burns, 2; flu, 1; swelling, 1; cut foot, 1; stand by, 1; hit by auto, 1; hyperventilated, 1.

This report covers the period from June 1 to June 31, 1981.


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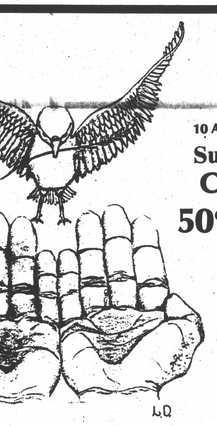

Tammy Marie Highfill

# Highfill to OSU

Tammy Marie Highfill has left to attend Ohio State University for the fall quarter. She will be majoring in Radiology Med.

Tammy is a 1981 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

She is the daughter of Mary Ann Highfill from Appomattox and Norman Highfill of Dayton, Ohio.


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P.A.N. will endeavor to achieve its purpose through putting Jesus first in all of its operations. P.A.N. will be devoted to providing information in regard to the problems and the solutions to the problems that face the young people of our community.

In the very near future, P.A.N. plans to operate a crisis-educational center where films and guest speakers will be able to impart valuable knowledge to the community. Other services we hope to offer are counseling and tutoring.

P.A.N. will operate a thrift store as one means of serving our community and supporting our services. P.A.N.'s thrift store is located in the former bowling alley building in the heart of the town of Appomattox. P.A.N.'s thrift store will carry good quality second hand items at very low, low prices. In some cases, items will be given away to those in need.

We welcome the concerned citizens of Appomattox who know the value of helping the young people of our community to donate anything to P.A.N. thrift store that will help our cause. All donations are tax deductible. Why not make a donation of some kind today. If you have any clothes, furniture, etc. that you would like to donate, one of our representatives will be happy to make a pickup. Our telephone number is 352-5024

P.A.N.'s thrift store grand opening will take place on July 25 at 10:00 a.m. Store hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday during our first week of business.

We cordially invite you to call now if you have any items you would like to donate to this community service project. Please call now. Come on down to our grand opening and help us help the young people of Appomattox.

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